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## **SHOBONIER MAN RECEIVES TWENTY YEAR SENTENCE FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on January 19, 2007, **EDWARD SCOTT LUCKABAUGH**, age 35, of Shobonier, Illinois was sentenced in the United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. **LUCKABAUGH** was sentenced to 240 months imprisonment, was fined \$1,000, and was placed on lifetime supervised release. In addition, **LUCKABAUGH** will have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

**LUCKABAUGH** had previously pleaded guilty to a one count federal indictment, charging possession of child pornography that had been shipped or transported in interstate commerce. The images involved minor girls engaged in vaginal and oral sex with a male as well as the lascivious exhibition of their genitals. **LUCKABAUGH** had downloaded numerous images of child pornography to his computer and later saved the images to CD-ROM.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Cyber Crimes Task Force, the Carbondale Police Department, the Marion Police Department, and the Fayette County Sheriff's Office.

The United States Attorney's Office, in conjunction with federal and state law enforcement authorities, is actively investigating and prosecuting individuals who produce, distribute, or possess child pornography. Anyone with information concerning the use of the Internet for the purposes of possessing, producing, or trafficking in child pornography is encouraged to contact their local police department or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George Norwood.